

Nebraska Agri-Facts

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Dear producers and other data users:

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Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 115, based on 1990-92=100, is 2 points (1.7 percent) below the November index. Lower prices for eggs, milk, lettuce, and cattle more than offset higher commodity prices for corn, soybeans, broccoli, and broilers. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased marketings of tobacco, wheat, milk, and

lettuce offset decreased marketings of cattle, soybeans, grapes, and corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 15 points (15 percent) from December 2002. The Food Commodities Index, at 118, is 4 points (3.3 percent) below last month but 19 points (19 percent) above December 2002.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary December 2003 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Dec 2002 ¹	Nov 2003 ¹	Dec 15, 2003	Dec 2002 ¹	Nov 2003 ¹	Dec 15, 2003	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
<i>Dollars</i>					<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat, All	Bushel	4.02	3.44	3.60	4.06	3.59	3.63	37	9.88
Corn	Bushel	2.32	2.20	2.31	2.32	2.20	2.32	34	6.75
Oats	Bushel	2.23	1.13	1.30	1.95	1.32	1.36	32	4.22
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	4.34	4.05	4.18	4.33	4.13	4.21	37	11.40
Soybeans	Bushel	5.36	7.11	7.30	5.46	7.05	7.29	49	14.80
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	88.00	55.00	53.00	91.10	80.70	81.30		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	89.00	56.00	54.00	98.00	88.00	87.90		
Other, Baled	Ton	81.00	50.00	50.00	76.30	64.90	66.90		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	17.10	16.40	15.40	16.10	19.20	18.70	36	51.60
Hogs	Cwt	32.60	36.30	36.60	30.30	34.80	34.90	33	105.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	32.80	36.50	36.80	30.70	35.00	35.30		
Sows	Cwt	24.00	28.90	28.50	22.40	29.40	28.30		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	75.00	101.00	99.60	70.40	93.70	92.70	57	164.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	76.30	103.00	101.00	75.00	100.00	98.60		
Cows	Cwt	34.30	50.50	52.80	34.60	47.80	49.90		
Calves	Cwt	102.00	120.00	123.00	95.30	112.00	113.00	51	220.00
Sheep	Cwt	38.00	36.50		38.70	40.10			80.70
Lambs	Cwt	88.00	90.00		87.20	99.20			189.00

¹ Entire month average except hay. ² Parity price based on data for December 2003.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices December 31, 2003.

Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2003, was 2.9 million head. This was down 2 percent from December 1, 2002 and 3 percent below September 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 370,000 head, was up 1 percent from December 1, 2002 but down 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.53 million head, was 2 percent below last year and 4 percent below last quarter.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2003, was 60.0 million head. This was 1 percent above December 1, 2002, but slightly below September 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was down 1 percent from December 1, 2002, but 1 percent above last quarter. Market inventory, at 54.1 million head, was 1 percent above last year, but slightly below last quarter.

Hogs and Pigs: December 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2002-2003

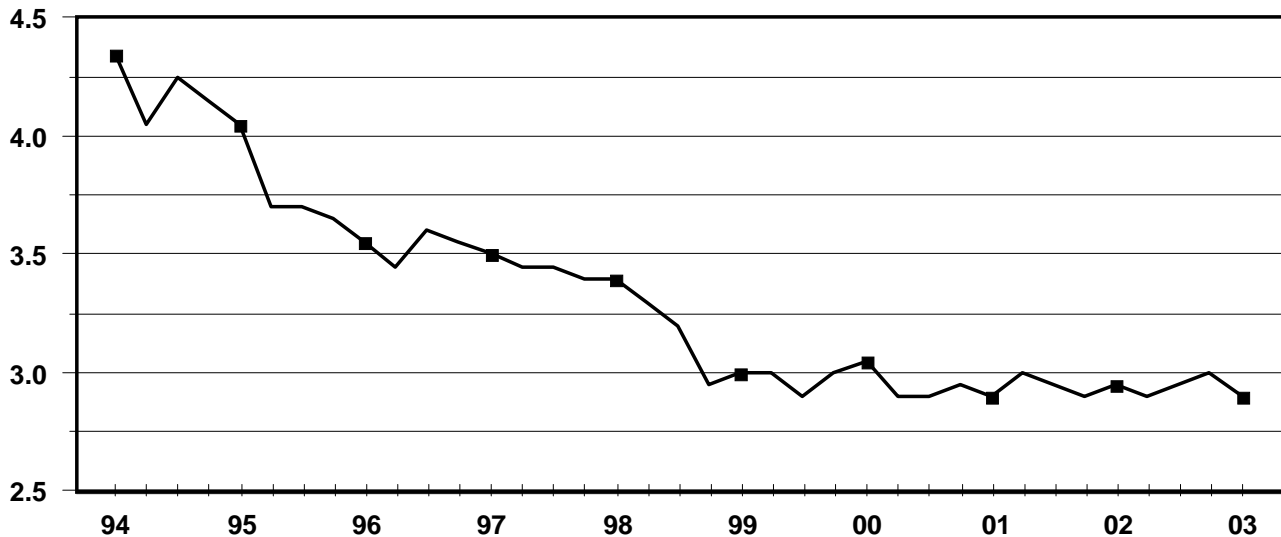
Item	Nebraska			United States ¹		
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
December 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	2,950	2,900	98	59,513	60,040	101
Breeding	365	370	101	6,012	5,966	99
Market	2,585	2,530	98	53,501	54,074	101
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	1,010	980	97	19,461	19,821	102
60-119 pounds	670	650	97	13,054	13,250	102
120-179 pounds	500	490	98	10,881	10,839	100
180 pounds and over	405	410	101	10,105	10,164	101
Sows Farrowing						
December-February ²	170	175	103	2,836	2,765	97
March-May	175	180	103	2,943	2,881	98
June-August	165	175	106	2,887	2,825	98
September-November	170	175	103	2,817	2,836	101
Total Sows Farrowing	680	705	104	11,483	11,306	98
Pig Crop						
December-February ²	1,496	1,531	102	24,794	24,359	98
March-May	1,575	1,602	102	25,959	25,583	99
June-August	1,485	1,540	104	25,700	25,150	98
September-November	1,539	1,575	102	24,892	25,314	102
Total Pig Crop	6,095	6,248	103	101,344	100,406	99

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding. ² December preceding year.

Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, December 30, 2003.

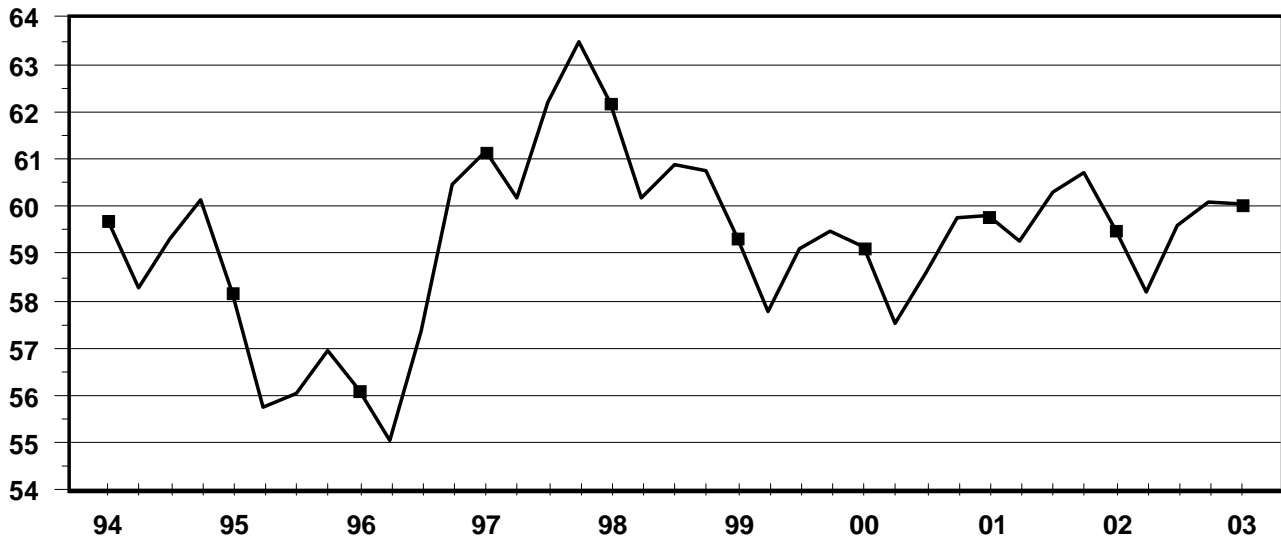
Nebraska Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory December 1

Million Head



U. S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory December 1

Million Head



Livestock Slaughter, Cold Storage, and Poultry

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

November 2003 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. November 2002 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays. November 2003 contained 20 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, November 2003 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	Nov. 2003 Percent of	
		Nov. 2002	Oct. 2003
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	488.1	76	78
Hogs, head	569.1	95	85
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	489.6	78	79
United States			
Cattle, head	2,425.8	85	81
Calves, head	78.0	86	89
Hogs, head	8,581.9	99	89
Sheep & Lambs, head	236.3	87	89
Red Meat, mil, lbs.	3,526.0	90	85

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, December 19, 2003.

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, November 2003 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	Nov. 2003 Percent of	
		Nov. 2002	Oct. 2003
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	827,731	83	99
Beef	371,824	73	99
Pork	439,852	95	98
Poultry	939,035	82	79
Turkey	353,353	106	61
Chicken	583,846	73	97

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, December 18, 2003.

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, November 2003 with Comparisons

Item	2002	2003	2003/2002
<i>Millions</i>			
<i>Percent</i>			
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.6	11.8	102
30 States	316.2	313.5	99
United States	337.8	336.1	99
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	247	262	106
30 States	6,758	6,785	100
United States	7,226	7,275	101
Chickens Hatched, Nov			
United States			
Egg-type	31.1	30.1	97
Broiler	690.1	707.6	103

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, December 22, 2003.

Farm Marketings: Percent of Sales, by Crop and Month, Nebraska, 1999-2003

Crop Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Percent</i>												
Corn												
1999-00		14	12	9	15	6	9	4	4	4	5	8
2000-01		14	11	11	12	6	7	5	4	6	10	9
2001-02	6	13	15	8	11	6	7	6	7	6	8	7
2002-03	7	13	13	10	13	7	9	7	6	4	5	6
Sorghum Grain												
1999-00		18	21	11	17	5	6	3	3	2	1	4
2000-01		22	9	14	11	7	6	4	5	7	9	4
2001-02	2	20	14	17	16	5	5	5	5	4	4	3
2002-03	7	16	18	13	9	6	7	6	6	5	2	5
Crop Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Percent</i>												
Soybeans												
1999-00	8	28	5	7	17	6	8	4	3	3	5	6
2000-01	7	23	10	10	14	7	5	4	6	5	5	4
2001-02	2	28	14	11	15	6	8	5	3	2	3	3
2002-03	6	23	12	11	14	9	6	7	4	3	3	2
Dry Edible Beans												
1999-00	22	18	7	9	13	5	4	5	4	3	5	5
2000-01	20	19	7	10	14	5	4	5	4	2	5	5
2001-02	29	23	4	9	11	4	2	4	4	2	4	4
2002-03	25	26	3	5	3	2	4	6	6	3	5	12
Crop Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<i>Percent</i>												
Wheat												
1999-00	27	9	6	2	3	7	12	10	5	4	8	7
2000-01	31	19	8	5	4	6	8	2	3	3	5	6
2001-02	27	12	5	8	2	9	10	4	5	6	4	8
2002-03	48	15	11	4	2	3	4	2	3	3	3	2
Oats												
1999-00	23	50	4	5	2	1	2	3	4	3	2	1
2000-01	20	10	8	6	2	6	4	5	7	11	5	16
2001-02	33	22	11	1	3	2	3	3	9	7	2	4
2002-03	39	14	10	3	1	10	6	4	4	3	1	5
Crop Year	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
<i>Percent</i>												
Hay												
1999-00	4	5	6	11	11	12	18	10	9	7	4	3
2000-01	9	8	6	8	10	9	15	10	9	8	5	3
2001-02	6	8	8	9	10	12	10	13	8	8	5	3
2002-03	6	9	6	9	10	11	15	11	9	8	4	2

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, August, 29, 2003, September 30, 2003, November 28, 2003.

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